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SUBJ :BLACK CAUCUS CRITICISM OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
STAND ON DAVIS NOMINATION

1. EMBASSY NOTED AFRICA WIRELESS FILE NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT FOR FEBRUARY 26 REGARDING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STAND ON DAVIS NOMINATION, QUOTED CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS AS STATING: 'AS ILLUSTRATED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS NOT THE ONLY OFFICIAL REACTION TO THIS NOMINATION. SOUTH AFRICA, DOMINATED BY A WHITE SUPER-RACIST MINORITY, HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS MORE THAN PLEASED WITH THE NOMINATION.'

2. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT TIMES ARTICLE WAS TAKEN FROM STORY FILED BY AP CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG. HIS SOURCE WAS SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S (SABC) 'CURRENT AFFAIRS' BROADCAST OF PREVIOUS DAY, 'CURRENT AFFAIRS' COMPARED AMBASSADOR DAVIS FAVORABLY WITH GOVERNOR WILLIAMS AND OTHER PREVIOUS ASSISTANT SECRETARIES. IT WELCOMED HIS NOMINATION. THE AP STORY OBSERVED THAT SABC OFTEN REFLECTS SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THINKING.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT FROM SAG CONCERNING
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DAVIS NOMINATION, NOR HAS ANY SAG OFFICIAL MADE COMMENT

TO US. PRESS HAS REPORTED ON CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING
NOMINATION, BUT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
NOR AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPERS HAVE EXPRESSED OPINION ABOUT
NOMINATION.

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